GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
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EARNING BY RAILWAYS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an increase in railways earning from the passengers and the goods traffic during the first six months of the current year as compared to corresponding period of the previous year;

(b) if so, the percentage of increase registered during the said period; and;

(c) the steps taken to attract more passengers and goods traffic?

Answer

(Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways) (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Percentage of increase during April 2000 to September 2000 as compared to corresponding period of the previous year is as under:

Passenger Traffic	9.82
Goods Traffic	6.73

(c) Following are some of the measures taken to attract more passenger and goods traffic:-

(i) Passenger Traffic:-

(a) Waiting list analysis was done on regular basis, additional coaches were attached and special trains were run to clear the extra rush as and when required. This has resulted in increased occupancy and Earnings.

(b) Wide publicity has been given through various media about the availability of accommodation.

(c) Intensive ticket checking drive, reviewing of train timings, Tatkal scheme and customer friendly measures like Tele booking, handling of complaints through computer and National train enquiry system have been introduced to attract more passengers.

(ii) Goods Traffic:-

A number of measures have been taken to attract bulk and non-bulk goods/Parcel traffic. These include

(a) Volume Discount Scheme.

(b) Simplification/liberalisation of rules for bulk customers having sidings.

(c) Identification of Premier Customers for special care.

(d) Facilitaing Warehousing at rail terminals.

(e) Running of fixed schedule container trains.